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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION" STAMPS

1. On Thursday, 24 October 1991, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will celebrate 40 years of unique postal service. To commemorate the anniversary, a set of six stamps (pictured below) will be issued. Rocco J. Callari, a UNPA staff member, has designed the new stamps, which will reproduce, in a "stamp-on-stamp" format, stamps from the first 1951 issues.

1¢ definitive designed by O. C. Meronti, United Kingdom

15¢ definitive designed by Ole Hamann, Denmark

20¢ definitive designed by Hubert Woyty-Wimmer, United Kingdom

2¢ definitive designed by J. F. Doeve, Netherlands

50¢ definitive designed by Leon Helguera, Mexico

5¢ definitive designed by S. L. Hartz, Netherlands

2. The stamps will be printed by the House of Questa (United Kingdom) using an offset lithography process.

Denomination	Quantity
30 cents	800 000
40 cents	800 000
F.s. 0,50	800 000
F.s. 1,60	800 000
S 5	1 000 000
S 8	1 000 000
Size:	34.06 mm x 40.64 mm
Perforation:	14

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,50: 36¢; F.s. 1,60: $1.16; S 5: 45¢; S 8: 72¢ - subject to exchange rate fluctuations.)

These commemorative stamps are issued in sheets of 25 stamps.

3. In celebration of the anniversary, UNPA is sponsoring with the American Philatelic Society a joint philatelic exhibition to be known as UN STAMP EXPO '91, which will be held at State College, Pennsylvania, on 24 and 25 October 1991. First day of issue cancellation of the United States-denominated stamps will be available at State College, Pennsylvania as well as at United Nations Headquarters.

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva, Vienna and State College first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachet ONLY.

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5. On 24 October 1991, UNPA will issue its second set of three Maximum Cards. The three designs (one for each of the three offices) will relate to the common theme of the UNPA anniversary and to the stamps being issued in a "stamp-on-stamp" format. The lower denomination anniversary stamps will be affixed and cancelled first day of issue relevant to the respective offices. The card designed for the New York office, with the 30¢ stamp affixed, will also be available cancelled first day of issue, State College, Pennsylvania.

6. The anniversary Maximum Card cancelled United Nations/New York will sell for 60¢. The cancelled United Nations/Geneva and cancelled United Nations/Vienna are priced at 69¢ and 78¢ respectively, but are subject to exchange rate fluctuations. These Maximum Cards will be available only until 24 January 1992.

7. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, first day cancellations and Maximum Cards on Thursday, 24 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.